

In which direction did the balance of power tip during the Gilded Age, toward a strong president or a strong Congress?

A strong Congress

Who were the "Stalwarts" and the "Half-Breeds"?

1) The "Stalwarts" favored the old spoils system of political patronage. 2) The "Half-Breeds" favored civil service reform and merit appointments to government positions.

What happened to James A. Garfield soon after his election as president?

A disappointed patronage seeker named Charles Guiteau assassinated him.

What was the Pendleton Act of 1883?

The Pendleton Act of 1883 set up open-competitive examinations for civil service positions.

Who were the "Mugwumps"?
How did they affect the election of 1884?

1) The "Mugwumps" were independent Republicans who favored more civil service reform. 2) They deserted the Republican candidate. This led to the election of Democrat Grover Cleveland.

Who was the only Democrat elected president in the half century after the Civil War?

Grover Cleveland

What did the Interstate Commerce Act of 1887 create?

The Interstate Commerce Act of 1887 set up a commission to oversee fair railway rates, prohibit rebates, end discriminatory practices, and require annual financial reports from railroads.

How did the Dependent Pensions Act of 1890 change public policy regarding army veterans?

The Dependent Pensions Act of 1890 provided pensions to army veterans and their dependents for the first time.

What policies
did the Populist
Party
advocate?

1) Coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 2) An eight-hour workday 3) The abolition of private armies used to break strikes 4) Direct election of senators 5) The right of initiative and referendum 6) The secret ballot 7) A graduated income tax

Who was
William
Jennings
Byran?

William Jennings Bryan was the three-time Democratic nominee for president. He delivered the "Cross of Gold" speech advocating "free silver." He advocated for government regulation of industries and lower tariffs. He also ran as an anti-imperialist and led the prosecution in the Scopes Monkey trial.

What was the
"Cross of Gold"
speech?

A speech delivered in 1896 by William Jennings Byran in support of the coinage of silver.

How did Theodore
Roosevelt become
president?

He was vice
president when
President William
McKinley was
assassinated.